



DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Detroit Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, May 1, 2008

The meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, May 1, 2008, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Erminia Ramirez
Jim Holley **(ABS)**
Mohamed Okdie **(ABS)**
Willie Hampton
Ronald L. Griffin

Department Personnel Present

Chief Ella M. Bully-Cummings
AC Robert Dunlap
AC Ralph Godbee
Lt. Darwin Roche
Lt. Charles Wilson
Sgt. Dwight Snodgrass
PO Sophia Nelms

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director **(ABS)**
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator
P.O. Kent Cooper

OTHERS PRESENT

Edward Moore
Media
Lawanda Hail-Ruffin
Tom Stidham

RECORDERS

Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ramirez called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:08 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **Thursday, May 1, 2008**

MOTION: **Comm. Hampton** made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: **Comm. Griffin** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Thursday, April 24, 2008**

MOTION: **Comm. Hampton** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: **Comm. Griffin** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. **BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT**
1. CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson Ramirez stated our prayers go out to Comm. Holley. She wished him a speedy recovery.

Stated after reviewing the towing process and looking at the role that this Board has, there needs to be a management service for this process. Some of the complaints were about the towers not opening and closing during their posted hours.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated the department hasn't changed any of the processes under the current process. After listening to the towers, there was a recommended change on the Bond Bid from \$50,000.00 to \$10,000.00.

Chairperson Ramirez stated the due date has been changed to a later date.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated yes. ma'am.

Chairperson Ramirez stated the Auditor General also talked about the towers coming up with a process to handle complaints. She stated at this time she doesn't know how the Board will be involved in this particular process.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated that this body will not have a responsibility for any outside investigations. But if the complaint falls within the police department, the Board will have purview.

Chairperson Ramirez stated all the authorized towing companies need to have a complaint process in place.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated she doesn't know, because it is a very complex RFP. One of the Auditor General's issues was for the towers to have a complaint process in place so those issues could be resolved.

Chairperson Ramirez stated so that needs to be in the proposal.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated the department tried to address all of the issues of the Auditor General's Report, as well as other safeguards in the RFP.

Chairperson Ramirez stated hopefully the rate of the tow will be regulated.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated the towing rates fall under the purview of the City Council.

Chairperson Ramirez asked is there a different rate by the Auto Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA) other than DPD.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated the ATPA has nothing to do with DPD towing.

Chairperson Ramirez asked was the towing body charging a different rate.

Comm. Griffin stated wouldn't it make more sense to let them meet tomorrow before we seek any more clarification.

He asked what the expectations of tomorrow's meeting are. We don't want to mislead the towers who might seek resolution on tomorrow.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated AC Godbee is in the best position to respond that question. The department has answered over 200 questions already. It is her understanding that only one member of a towing company will be allowed to attend.

Chairperson Ramirez acknowledged the arrival of Comm. Hampton (at 3:22 p.m.).

Comm. Griffin asked what are the expectations of tomorrow's meeting, and how will you evaluate on whether it is successful or not.

AC Godbee stated tomorrow's meeting is for more information sharing and to clarify the myths of the RFP. After all of the dialogue, some of the towers still may not be satisfied. The issue is not really the towing, but rather the scrap metal.

Comm. Griffin stated he got the impression that the towers don't want you to do the RFP at all.

AC Godbee stated under the Chief's leadership, she has made it clear that we must be transparent and engage our stakeholders.

Comm. Hampton asked is tomorrow's meeting strictly for the towers and no citizens.

AC Godbee stated yes, just for the authorized towers; but if there needs to be a meeting for the citizens, they will accommodate that also.

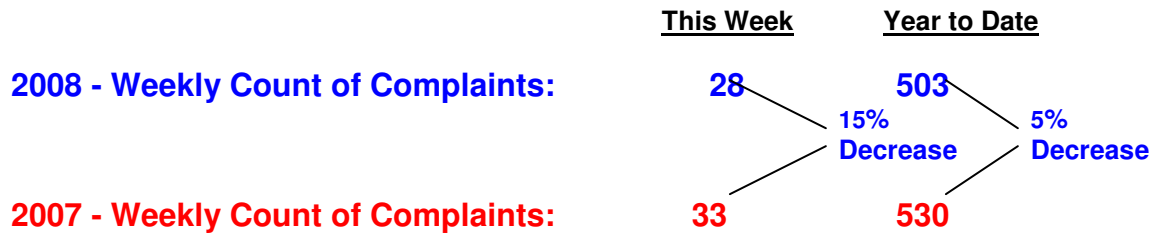
Chairperson Ramirez stated because this Board is the liaison for the citizens, she was not seeking answers, but rather to make sure that the towers are posting their hours of service and fees. There will be no fees for victims of a crime.

AC Godbee stated that's current.

Chairperson Ramirez stated she's glad to hear that.

2. SECRETARY REPORT

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED



- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of **1,250** active investigations, of which **433** of those are for 2008.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 05/01/08	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
1	CENTRAL						1				1
4	COMMUNICATIONS		1							3	4
2	EASTERN						1			2	3
4	NORTHEASTERN		3				2		1		6
2	NORTHWESTERN						1	1		1	3
2	SOUTHWESTERN		1				2			1	4
11	Unknown Command		2		1		6			4	13
2	WESTERN		2		1		1				4
28			9		2		14	1	1	11	38

Comm. Hampton stated that Comm. Holley is ill and asked if Comm. Griffin can say a prayer.

Comm. Griffin asked Atty. Hooks would that be okay.

Atty. Hooks stated she would recommend a moment of silence.

Comm. Griffin stated during his swearing-in, he was informed that there couldn't be a prayer.

Atty. Hooks stated we can speak on that later, because City Council has prayers before their meetings.

Comm. Griffin stated during the moment of silence, he would ask God to heal our brother Jim Holley.

A moment of silence.

Comm. Hampton stated can we send him cards or flowers.

Atty. Hooks stated a basket was delivered from this Board, and one from Comm. Griffin and his wife.

Comm. Hampton stated if someone would like to submit a card or flowers do they need to contact the Board.

Atty. Hooks stated yes, and we will make sure that they get delivered.

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners



Special Points of Interest:

• Next meeting:

Thursday, May 8, 2008

@ 6:30 P.M.

Rosedale Park Community House
18445 Scarsdale
Detroit, Michigan 48223

“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Narcotics/Gang Enforcement

During the period of April 21, 2008 through April 27, 2008, **Narcotics/Gang Enforcement executed 52 search warrants and 99 street enforcement actions** within the boundaries of the city of Detroit resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- 65 Felony arrests
- 261 Misdemeanor arrests
- 8 Juveniles

Confiscated:

- 988.40 grams of cocaine, 33.7 grams of heroin, 27,399.10 grams of marijuana and 138 pills, with a total street value of \$566,996.40
- **\$ 153,318.00** in U.S. Currency
- 36 Handguns

Domestic Violence

On April 22nd, officers of the Northwestern District responded to the 14000 block of Frankfurt on a “Person Armed with a Weapon/Shots Fired,” which resulted in an arrest. *The subsequent investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence resulted in the subject being charged with “Assault with Intent to Commit Murder,” “Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm,” “Felon in Possession,” “Felony Assault,” “Felony Firearms,” “Domestic Violence,” and “Habitual 2nd.”*

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Engaging the Community

ATTENTION

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Sub-Stations to make reports.

		<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Eastern District	2	2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
Southwestern District	2	7737 Kercheval	7 a.m. to 3 p.m.	628-2121
		19810 Grand River	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	935-5322
		13530 Lesure	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	596-5300
Western District	2	12000 Livernois	24 Hours	237-2555

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Northwestern District

On April 22nd, a lone subject approached a citizen as she returned to her vehicle in the 17000 block of West Seven Mile Road and forcefully took her purse, then fled on foot. *A traffic enforcement officer who witnessed the assault, immediately took action and arrested the subject without incident. The subject was subsequently charged with "Robbery Not Armed."*



Investigative Operations

On April 22nd, officers of Investigative Operations arrested four subjects believed to have been responsible for numerous robberies in the Northwestern District. *One subject was charged with "Robbery Armed," "Carjacking," "Felon in Possession," and "Felony Firearm." Two subjects were charged with "Robbery Armed" and "Carjacking."*

Eastern District

On April 24th, Eastern District Special Operations executed a search warrant at a business, in the 12000 block of Gratiot that was "Purchasing Stolen Property & Operating as a Fencing Operation." *As a result, five subjects were arrested, and numerous hot water heaters, furnaces, and copper plumbing were recovered.*



Southwestern District

On April 22nd, officers of the Southwestern District, while on routine patrol, were flagged down by an employee of a business located in the 14000 block Schaefer, alerting them that the business was just robbed by a lone gunman. *As a result of the officers' response, a suspect was quickly apprehended and charged with "Armed Robbery," "Carrying a Concealed Weapon," "Habitual 2nd," and "Felony Firearm." A weapon was recovered.*



Western District

On April 23rd, officers of the Western District responded to the 1900 block of Oakman Boulevard, on a "Breaking & Entering" in progress. *Due to the officers' quick response, two subjects were arrested and charged with "Home Invasion II." The stolen items were recovered.*



Chief Bully-Cummings stated there will be a 35th Interfaith Memorial Service and she extends an invitation to the Board. All of the plaques will be on display at the breakfast. After that, they will go to the Districts where the fallen officers served under their last command.

The department submitted their very first Force Investigation Report to the Monitors and will provide a copy to the Board.

She was scheduled to go to Lansing and speak to the Appropriations Committee to try to get \$1 million dollars for the crime lab, but they were dealing with an early issue and couldn't fit her in today.

Last week the prosecutor's independent examiner stated that the examiner's review of a casing from a homicide was inconsistent with the department's. It was then sent to the State Police whose findings were consistent with the independent examiner. Because of this, all firearm examinations were suspended. The State Police and ATF will assist the department with their examinations until a review is done on the department lab. The State Police has also agreed to conduct an audit of the department's crime lab. She is hopeful that this is an isolated incident.

Comm. Griffin asked who will assist you with this audit.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated the State Police. She spoke to Houston's Police Chief and talked about what steps he took when their lab was compromised and he suggested that they use the State Police unless the department has several million dollars for an independent examiner.

Comm. Griffin asked for the name of the place for the Interfaith Memorial.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated at the Old Saint Mary's Church at Monroe and St. Antoine, and the breakfast is at the International Market Center. The plaques will give you a great appreciation of the lives of the men and women.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no standing committee reports.

6. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Chairperson Ramirez asked Director Ducker if she could give an overview of the old promotion list and the new exam.

Chief Bully-Cummings asked if she could have AC Godbee to explain it instead, because she has an idea of what Comm. Ramirez is looking for; and because she is aware of the several members who went before City Council and asked that the contract of the consultant not be approved.

AC Godbee stated a few members went to City Council to oppose the contract. Under the DPOA and the LSA, the agreement was made to have an exam every two years. During 2005-2006, there was no money in place in the Budget for a promotional examination because of the restructuring of the department. City Council approved the 2007-2008 Budget, which included funds for a May promotional examination. During the exam in 2004, there were no approved directives or policies as propagated by the Consent Decree. Since then, all of the directives and policies have been approved by this body. There are 1600 members of both ranks signed up to take the exam and they are studying current approved policies. There is always someone on the old eligibility list that didn't get promoted, but doesn't want to take the new exam.

Chairperson Ramirez stated the new exam in May consists of the new policies and procedures in regards to the Consent Decree.

AC Godbee stated that's correct, and approved by this body.

Chairperson Ramirez stated the members on the old list will have to take the exam.

AC Godbee stated that's correct.

Chairperson Ramirez stated if they don't take the exam, they are out luck.

AC Godbee stated that's correct.

Chairperson Ramirez asked are they compensated if they are on the old list.

AC Godbee stated yes, about 2% and that was negotiated in the contract.

Chairperson Ramirez stated she wasn't aware of that, but that's good.

AC Godbee stated 2% above their base pay.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated the reason for this was to utilize these members in a higher function and prepare them for when there was an opportunity to promote. They weren't successful in doing that and now people are getting paid for just sitting on the list. Right before Coleman Young came into office that was the only time the entire list had been promoted. Since then, they have never promoted the entire list, ever.

Chairperson Ramirez stated this has been past practice.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated it has been like this for a long time.

Chairperson Ramirez stated thanks for clarifying it for me and she didn't know they were being compensated.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated this is the best way to make sure everyone is in line with the new policies. 1600 people will be studying to be promoted and they will have a much more educated police department.

Comm. Hampton stated it is like OJT.

Comm. Griffin stated the 2% was negotiated.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated yes, sir.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, May 8, 2008, @ 6:30 p.m.
Northwestern District
Rosedale Park Community House
18445 Scarsdale
Detroit, MI 48223

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

E. Moore stated to the Board and the Chief that Councilman Kenyetta sends his prayers for Comm. Holley and his door is always open.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

DLG/rb